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Whereas, The ability to use and communicate via computers and the Internet is a necessity in our fast paced world;

Whereas, Computer literacy is indispensable in our information oriented society;

Whereas, Those who do not have the opportunity to become computer literate or do not have access to a computer may be at a disadvantage;

Whereas, Net Literacy Week promotes the need for computer literacy among adults and senior citizens and helps to bring attention to this important issue;

Whereas, Senior Connects is a 501(c)(3) youth-managed community outreach program that promotes senior citizen computer literacy and youth leadership and responsibility and was founded three years ago by Daniel Kent, a Brebeuf High School student from Indianapolis;

Whereas, The mission of Senior Connects is to create a national youth and senior citizen empowerment program, increase awareness of the senior Net Literacy problem, create synergy by working together with other nonprofit organizations, municipalities, schools, and churches, build public computer labs inside senior facilities, teach seniors



how to use a computer and email their friends and family members, and develop a comprehensive web site to enable youths to create similar programs in their own communities across America;

Whereas, Through the efforts of Senior Connects more than 10,000 seniors in 65 facilities received computers or enhanced computer access and more than 100 seniors with an average age of 87 were taught computer skills in a five month program;

Whereas, In addition to its work with seniors, Senior Connects has built a web site for the organization entitled www.seniorconnects.org, recruited more than 100 middle and high school students, received recognition in more than a dozen newspaper and magazine articles, received more than 500 donated computers, disposed of unusable computers in an environmentally friendly manner, received more than \$70,000 in grants, and partnered with community service organizations, social workers, local nonprofit groups, schools, and religious institutions;

Whereas, Student volunteers at Senior Connects work year-round helping establish public computer labs and teaching seniors how to use computers and access the Internet;

Whereas, In addition to Senior Connects, three other youth organizations are involved in the promotion of Net Literacy Week: Safe Connects, People Connects, and Youth Connects;

Whereas, Safe Connects works with state and national educators, law enforcement, parents of victims, and social workers to create a program that teaches "Net Safety" to elementary and middle school youth in schools, religious institutions, and homes;

Whereas, People Connects works with Indiana nonprofit organizations that target underserved youth and provides access to technology and teaches computer and Internet skills to young people and their families;

Whereas, Youth Connects works with municipalities to



sponsor computer drives; these computers are given to Hoosier families with elementary school students that are on public assistance; and

Whereas, Volunteers from Senior Connects, Safe Connects, People Connects, and Youth Connects are helping to increase computer literacy among seniors and adults by dedicating numerous hours helping users and answering questions related to computer technology and the Internet: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly thanks Senior
- 2 Connects, Safe Connects, People Connects, and Youth Connects for
- 3 their work to increase computer literacy and to encourage adults and
- 4 seniors to become computer literate so that they may be better able to
- 5 use the vast amount of information available to them via computer.
- 6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 7 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Senior
- 8 Connects, Safe Connects, People Connects, and Youth Connects.

